MR. PRESIDENT: Under Section 23 of the Interim Constitution Act, pensions and gratuities cannot be discussed. The general question whether pension is to be granted is one that could be discussed. That is my view. May I know whether the member withdraws the motion.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PILLAI: I press it.

MR. PRESIDENT: The adjournment motion relates to the discontent, dissatisfaction and unrest prevalent in the State consequent on the change in the age of retirement from 58 to 55 The statement of fact is denied by Government and according to Parliamentary practice I am bound to accept it. On that ground I disallow this adjournment motion.

The next adjournment motion is by Mr. Elankath which relates to "the deplorable plight of the hand-loom weavers of the State who are forced to give up their occupation owing to circumstances beyond their control".

ഈ അടിയന്തിരപ്രമേയവും അനുവദനീയമല്ലെന്നാണ് എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളത്. പ്രമേയം, റിസൻറു അക്കറൻസിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ളതായിരിക്കണമെന്നാണ് റൂളിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നത്. ഈ പ്രമേയത്തിൽ അങ്ങനെ യാതൊന്നും പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകാണുന്നില്ല. ആ കാരണത്താൽ ഈ പ്രമേയവും തള്ളിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

MR. PRESIDENT: Order, order. The following gentlemen will form the Panel of Chairmen for this session: Mr. T. A. Abdulla and Mr. K. A. Gangadhara Menon.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS.

അടുത്തതു ഫിനാൻഷ്യൽ ബിസിനസ്സാണ്.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to a point of order. I wish to know whether the Honourable Finance Minister is in order in presenting the Budget for 1124 when the budget for 1123 has not yet been placed before the house. In the Government Communique No. Fl. 7510 dated 22nd August 1947, it is stated:

"The new legislature under the Constitution Act of 1122 being under formation, the budget estimates for 1123 have had to be prepared without the help and guidance of the Finance Committee or the Legislature, as in previous years. This budget so framed without the active participation of the Legislature is provisional and will be placed before the new legislature for the usual scrutiny and review, as soon as possible after it begins to function."

I wish to know whether the Honourable Finance Member is in order in placing the budget for 1124 before the House before placing the budget for 1123.

MR. PRESIDENT: In regard to the point raised by Mr. Sivarama Pillai I wish to hear the Honourable Finance Minister,

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